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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING

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1. SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 29 THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REVISED AND APPROVED ITS REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY(A/AC.179/L.10/REV 1). AS A RESULT OF CONSIDERABLE INFORMAL MANEUVERING, THE PROBLEM AREAS IN THIS REPORT (PARAGRAPHS 80 TO 48) WERE DELETED FROM THE REPORT AND WILL BE ISSUED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT. THE CHAIRMAN CLARIFIED FOR THE RECORD THAT HIS CONSOLIDATED TEXT DOES NOT IMPLY AGREEMENT BY MEMBER STATES. TENTATIVELY, THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 16/ MARCH 2, 1977. END SUMMARY.

2. ON NOVEMBER 29 THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING APPROVED ITS DRAFT REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS CONTAINED IN A/AC.179/L.10/REV 1 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. PARAGRAPH 17: TO READ "THE CHAIRMAN'S TEXT HAD ITS GENESIS IN THE VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE

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AND IN THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD THERAFTER. THE COM-

MITTEE NOTED THAT THE RAPPORTEUR ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY HAD PREPARED A SUMMARY REPORT ON THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD DURING THE THIRD SESSION (A/AC.179/ L.11)."

B. PARAGRAPHS 18 THROUGH 49 HAVE BEEN DELETED FROM THE REPORT AND WILL BE ISSUED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE A/AC.179 SERIES). AS INDICATED ABOVE, THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS SIMPLY REFLECTING THE SUMMARY OF THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE PREPARED BY THE RAPPORTEUR ON HIS OWN COGNIZANCE. IT IS, THUS, NOT SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, THE RAPPORTEUR AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE SOVIET BLOC (SEE PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 BELOW).

C. THERE WERE MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES IN PARAGRAPH 54. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE MOST IMPORTANT IS THE REDRAFT OF THE NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE TO READ "THE CHAIRMAN WAS THEN REQUESTED TO PREPARE A REVISION TO SUBJECT AREAS I, II, III, IV, AND V OF THE CONSOLIDATED TEXT WHICH WOULD EMBODY POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS AT THE FOURTH SESSION AND WHICH WOULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS, SUBJECT TO THE EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE." SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE FORMAL SESSION, CHAIRMAN DADZIE STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT THIS FORMULATION REPRESENTED THE MANDATE GIVEN HIM IN REVISING HIS CONSOLIDATED TEXT AND THAT IT IN NO WAY IMPLIED AGREEMENT BY MEMBER STATES ON THE CONTENT OF THE DRAFT.

D. THERE WILL BE THREE ANNEXES TO THE REPORT. ANNEX A WILL CONSIST OF THE CHAIRMAN'S REVISED CONSOLIDATED TEXT FOR SECTIONS I, II, III, IV, AND VI. ANNEX B WILL CONSIST OF THE CHAIRMAN'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED TEXT. ANNEX C WILL CONSIST OF THE INFORMAL PAPERS PRESENTED BY THE G-77, THE EC-9, AND THE US AT THE THIRD SESSION.

3. AGREEMENT ON THE ABOVE WAS REACHED IN THE COURSE OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. THE COMMITTEE SUBSEQUENTLY MET IN FORMAL SESSION TO APPROVE THE REPORT. THE ONLY COUNTRIES MAKING STATEMENT DURING THE FORMAL SESSION WERE PAKISTAN (WHICH EMPHASIZED THAT RESTRUCTURING WAS ONLY A PART OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCESS ENVISAGED IN THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS AND DEcried THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE PART OF THOSE RESOLUTIONS) AND JAPAN (WHICH MADE A GENERAL DISCLAIMER ON THE CONTENTS OF PARAGRAPHS 18 THROUGH 49).

4. FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE REPORT, THE SECRETARIAT ADVISED THAT THE ONLY DATES AVAILABLE FOR A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IN 1977 WERE FEBRUARY 16 TO MARCH 2, AND MARCH 21 TO APRIL 1.

THE SECRETARIAT POINTED OUT THAT SHOULD THE COMMITTEE DECIDE TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING IN 1977, A MEMBER STATE WOULD HAVE TO OFFER ALTERNATE FACILITIES. ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISIONS WAS MADE, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO HOLD ITS FIRST SESSION ON FEBRUARY 16. (COMMENT: RUMORS ARE THAT VIENNA MAY OFFER TO HOST A SECOND SESSION, BUT THE AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAS TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS AS YET. END COMMENT.)

5. TRANSMITTED BELOW ARE THE COMMENTS OF THE SOVIET BLOC WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE RAPPORTEUR'S SUMMARY (SEE PARAGRAPH 2(B) ABOVE): QUOTE

AMENDMENT TO DOCUMENT A/AC.179/L.10/REV.1

ADD THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO PARA. 49:

"IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND SHOULD EXCLUDE ANY REVIEW THEREOF. FULL ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE FACT THAT THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WAS THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY. THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MUST BE IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER.

"THE RESTRUCTURING SHOULD PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE PROGRESSIVE ORIENTATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES. IT SHOULD NOT LEAD TO THE CREATIONS OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERSTRUCTURES AND AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC ORGANS, TO PARALLELISM OR TO INCREASED EXPENDITURE. THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS SHOULD BE BASED ON A CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS
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PRESENTED. THE VIEW WAS EXPRESSED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DISIRABLE TO FIX FORMALLY SUCH METHODS OF WORK AS NEGOTIATING GROUPS, CONSULATIVE PROCEDURES AND THE LIKE. TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE TIME FACTOR, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT TRY TO DEAL WITH AN UNDULY WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS. IN THAT CONNEXION, THE POSSIBILITY WAS NOT EXCLUDED THAT IT MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY TO REFRAIN FROM CONSIDERING CERTAIN PROBLEMS - FOR EXAMPLE, QUESTIONS RELATING TO RECRUITMENT, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING AND SOME OTHER MATTERS. THE MANDATE WITH WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAD ENTRUSTED THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE REGARDED AS NON-RENEWABLE, AND THE COMMITTEE SHOULD COMPLETE ITS WORK WITHIN ONE YEAR."

UNQUOTE

6. COMMENT: FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE ACHIEVED OUR MAJOR

OBJECTIVES IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PROBLEM PARAGRAPHS IN THE ORIGINAL TEXT (I.E. THE RAPPORTEUR'S SUMMARY) WERE DELETED FROM THE REPORT, TO BE ISSUED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT. THE PRICE WE HAD TO PAY FOR THIS WITH THE G-77 WAS TO INCLUDE THEIR ORIGINAL PAPER(ALONG WITH THAT OF THE EC-9 AND OUR OWN) IN THE REPORT, AND WITH THE SOVIET BLOC WAS TO PERMIT THEM TO MAKE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RAPPORTEUR'S TEXT (THEY HAD NOT SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT IN THE INITIAL ROUNDS). NEITHER THE EC-9 NOR WE WERE DESIROUS OF NEGOTIATING THE RAPPORTEUR'S TEXT BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT IT TO ASSUME THE STATUS OF AN AGREED PAPER. FINALLY AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR PURPOSES WAS THE CLEAR DISCLAIMER READ INTO THE RECORD BY THE CHAIRMAN THAT HIS CONSOLIDATED TEXT DID NOT IMPLY ANY DEGREE OF GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

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